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SUBJECT: GOM UNILATERAL MOVE ON 200-MILE ZONE

REF A. MEXICO 6987; B. STATE 189192; C. STATE 189249

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B, CHARGE AND POL COUNSELOR MADE DEMARCHE ON SUBJECT WITH ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY RUBEN GONZALEZ SOSA. CHARGE MADE POINTS DISCUSSED REFS, EXPRESSING U.S. OPPOSITION TO UNILATERAL ACTION AND STRONG HOPE THAT, IF GOM ABSOLUTELY COMMITTED TO UNILATERAL ACTION, THIS MIGHT AT LEAST BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER LOS CONFERENCE NEXT SPRING. AT SAME TIME GONZALEZ WAS PROVIDED WITH TEXT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S AUGUST 11 SPEECH RELATING TO LOS.

2. GONZALEZ' FIRST COMMENT ATTEMPTED TO LINK MEXICAN ACTION WITH THAT OF PRESIDENT TRUMAN IN 1948 CONCERNING CONTINENTAL SHELF. HE HAD APPARENTLY STUDIED PRESS REPORTS OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH AND FURTHER SOUGHT TO LINK GOM ACTION

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TO "IMPATIENCE" WHICH HE NOTED IN SPEECH WITH RESPECT TO

DEEP SEABED RESOURCES.

3. ACTING FONSEC REFERRED TO DIFFICULTIES IN LOS NEGOTIATIONS BUT EXPRESSED CONVICTION INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT WAS ESSENTIAL TO AVOID ANARCHY. CHARGE AGREED AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF MANAGING PROBLEM SO AS TO AVOID A SERIES OF UNILATERAL ACTIONS THAT WOULD MAKE AGREEMENT MORE DIFFICULT.

4. CHARGE INQUIRED AS TO ACCURACY OF PRESS REPORTS WHICH QUOTED PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA TO THE EFFECT THAT FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS WOULD BE LICENSED TO FISH IN GULF OF CALIFORNIA. HE SAID HE COULD NOT CONFIRM THE STORY AND HAD NO COMMENT ON IT. CHARGE INQUIRED ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF GOM DECLARATION; GONZALEZ WAS NON-COMMITTAL.

5. COMMENT: GONZALEZ' REFERENCES TO USG 1948 UNILATERAL ACTION AND GENERAL TENOR OF HIS COMMENTS REFLECTED SOMEWHAT DEFENSIVE ATTITUDE PROBABLY BECAUSE HE WAS NOT CUT IN ON DECISION-MAKING. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT DECISIONS AS TO IMPLEMENTATION OF MEXICAN DECLARATION WILL BE MADE AT HIGHER LEVEL ONCE PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN SECRETARY RETURN. GONZALEZ PROMISED TO BRING USG POSITIONS TO ATTENTION OF RABASA. CHARGE DID NOT REFER TO DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL'S MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR DE OLLOQUI, AND GONZALEZ SHOWED NO SIGNS THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THAT MEETING.
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